strating satisfactorily the fact that con-ditions are stable and money more easy to obtain than heretofore. PLENTY OF WORK.

One of the most satisfactory things in connection with present conditions is the fact that there is plenty of work for all who desire to labor. There are industries

on every hand, requiring both skilled and unskilled labor, and as a rule, the wages

Company. This corporation is steadily

enlarging its plant, and the prospects are

never been more satisfactory. A glance through the columns of this issue of The

times will demonstrate that the State and city are entering on a new year and a new century with the prospect that be-fore it is many years old Richmond will wear the title, "Leading city of the South."

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Creditable Record.

Never before was the fire department in so fine a condition as at present. During

engine and hose wagon, which takes the

engine and nose wagon, which takes the place of the old chemical engine; also the hose wagon, thus saving labor and expense and at the same time doing just as effective work. This is the third piece of apparatus of this description that has

been placed in service in this department,

About 4,000 feet of new hose has been

changes that was made was having the

captains of the companies in the central

part of the city made stationed or per-manent.

The fire losses for 1900, while very large

as compared with that of past years, are

only about normal when compared with other cities of Richmond's size, and it is

not flattering the department when it is stated that, had it not been of the highest efficiency, the losses would have been

greatly in excess of what they were, I

estimated that the fire loss in Richmond

during the year was about \$450,000, as compared with about \$50,000 in 1809; but the fire loss, it seems, has increased at an

been in active service for over fourteen

as follows: Capt. W. G. Puller, Chief; Captain Geo.

C. Shaw, First Assistant Chief; and L. S. Jones, Secretary and Second Assistant

The Fire Alarm Department has made wonderful strides, under the capable man-

agement of Superintendent W. H. Thomp-

son, and is now said by experts to be the most up-to-date office in the country. Richmond people do not know what a beautiful place it is. It is well worth a

trip to see it.

Much new and valuable machinery has been added to the office.

Both the Fire and Fire-Alarm Departments are controlled and managed by the

Reard of Fire Commissioners, which is composed of the following gentlemen: Fire Commissioners John H. Vrisch-korn, President; G. W. Taylor, Vice Pres-ident; Charles F. Taylor, Charles Lepp-ler, Joseph L. Levy, L. C. Jenkins, Since the Beard was exercised in SSS

officers of the fire department are

enormous rate all over the country. The Board expects to place two new engines in service during the coming year. These engines will cost about \$7,000, and are to take the place of two that have

years, and are now worn out.
The officers of the fire department

where improvement was reed ed, and they are now all comfortable and present an attractive appearance. During the year the Board of Fire missioners have added to its Broad-

that the demand for workmen there steadily increase.

A new and increasing enterprise

PRICE TWO CHAN

TWENTIETH CENTURY SMILES UPON A PROSPEROUS CITY

People Representing All Branches of Industries Make Good Reports.

BANKS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

The Gains over the Preceding Year Were More Than Fourteen Per Cent.

A RECORD-BREAKER WITH RAILROADS.

All the Lines Centering Here Report a Good Business Done-The Manufacturing Industries Were Built Up and Strengthened-Jobbers Found Sales Easier and Collections were More Promptly Made-Builders and Contractors Have No Cause to Complain-The Merchants Had a Prosperous Year. Tobacco Trade Was Good. Postoffice and Revenue Receipts Increased.

nce the Civil War left her in ruins tilled the wheels of industry. has or has the city had such a bright out

In every line of business there has been n more marked than in others, but with has been healthy, subof the character that is likely

ading men in different branches of displays a spirit of satisfacpast, confidence in the presand hope for the future. They show nd is advancing with rapid, attained, will place her in

ADVANTAGES RECOGNIZED. eview of the year's work shows that treat advantages of Richmond as a by great advantages of Richmond as a ty of factories are being recognized. The ighty power which for countless years as flowed on to the sea in the channel of a river larges, is being would.

unte idea of them in f space. One of Richmond's mightlest rprises, the Richmond Locomotive and thine Works, is a fair exponent of the of prosperity which has been flowing ever-increasing volume for months Crowded with orders from different of this country and even from the orld, the giant plant is running day night, with no prospect of idleness

of the most far-reaching enteprises of the Virginia Electrical Kailway bevelopment Company, the blasts of dynamite in the bed of the river for months past proclaimed the which they are doing to advance the of trade. CHEAPER POWER.

is from this source that cheap power come, and with cheap motive power come an enlargement of the manu-

Apare with the increase in the city's output of finished products are the facilities for transportation. North, south, east and west, Richmond is prepared to compete with the most favored cities. Her precedudes can either be borne swiftly along the iron highways, radiating in every direction, or float down the bosom of the James to the great scaport, whence all portions of the world can be easily reached.

There has never been a time when rail There has never been a time and a enterprise was more pronounced. The city is literally girdled with rall, and a splendid depot, in addition to the and a splendid depot, because ones already here, is rising in

lower portion of the city.

The year has also been notable for an crease in the valuation of property, corease in the valuation of the improved facilities the transaction of business and the espread confidence in the stability of currency of the country.

BANK CLEARINGS. BANK CLEARINGS.

tremarkable has been the increase in tank charkings, which speaks than words for the volume of busing 1888 the bank clearings were 176.18. In 1899 they were 215.30. In the past year they increased sum of 375.53.85.24. his clearing Richmond is far ahead inta, Birmington, Neshville, Nortashington, D. C., and Memphis,

cive leading banks show an inan 14.8 per cent. The cash re-

this array of facts showing of present conditions, there tailures during the year. This increase over the previous regarded as showing a of things, as the number in

is made by the joppers, ing from 10 to 5 per to ted in business has been and the annual section of the activity in worst as the year, shave been they want

Two Hundred and Fifty Corporati in One Year. There have been over 250 corporational chartered in North Carolina during

Since the Board was organized, in they have never failed to have a quo either at a regular or called meeting.

GREAT MANUFACTURING STATE.



A TWENTIETH CENTURY TOAST.

Hail! New-born Cycle! Hail! A royal greeting waits thee here! May peace and happiness be thine, May all your years be filled with cheer.

DO BIG THINGS FOR RICHMOND

We May Expect.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

and they have proven their value on many an occasion. It is the Intention of the Board to place these combination wagons in all the companies as soon as Complete Revolution in Industrial, Municipal and Social Affairs. and Richmond People Are added to the department during the year, which will start the new year out in good condition, as far as hose is concerned, Given Good Advice.

The regular reorganization of the de-partment took place on July 1st last and most of the old members were retained in their positions. One of the most important "'Twas an awfully nasty voyage dontcherknaw," said His majesty, all out of breath, "and I had many an exciting experience in getting here, but I'm on time to the second, you see," said he, glancing at his double-case watch that's egulated by the sun every day,

He was the most distinguished visitor to the city of Richmond since John Adams sat in the Presidential chair, and he received an ovation here, just as he did all along the line. As a newspaper representative, I looked at him cautiously, feeling quite nervous while gazing upon his make-up. His Highness was none other than King Twentleth Century, who made the quickest trip from the far East ever known, and despite the many difficulties encountered, arrived in Richmond Acacily at the time the big clock on the City Hall tower pointed to the hour of 12 o'clock. In one minute after 12 he was feeling quite at home and after infly-ning minutes' rest, during which time he took refreshments, received a delegation from the City Council, the Chamifer of Commerce, the Tobacco Exchange and other business bodies, and shook hands with Governor Tyler, Mayor Taylor, Justice John and well-known officials who met him at the city limits and thread over to him the keys of Richmond and the freedom of the city. He was the most distinguished visitor

It was half an hour before he gave the It was nan an armore representative of The Times a brief interview, but during that time he was surrounded by many leading citizens, and

rounded by many leading citizens, and all joined in the warm welcome to the distinguished visitor.

Shortly before his arrival a representative committee was on hand be meet him. Red lights, popcrackers, rest lading bells and other things had been put in readiness to greet him. to greet him.
RED-LIGHT SIGHTED.

At exactly one second to 12 o'clock a big red danger signal was sighted in the East. This swept across the skies at a terific rate, and then a flying machine stopped at the City Hall, and His Highstopped at the City Hall, and His Highness alighted, amid a bouming of explosives and a ringing of ells. He was carried to the Jefferson in a carriage drawn by four horses, but seemed impatient and nervous at this slow means of docomotion. "Wonder why you didn't have a ten-mile-a-min ite automobile that's propelled on it's face?" he incidentally remarked. Soo he was at the Jefferson, where he too; his bath in half a second by a new process, and ate his

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HOW THE NEW YEAR | JOHN F. STORY IS WAS WELCOMED

tury's Birth.

BELLS, WHISTLES, EXPLOSIONS!

At the First Stroke of Twelve Bedlam Was Let Loose and the Year Was Noisily Greeted.

scream of the steam sirens, the tootings of many whistles and the booming of guns and crackers, all these, with an accompaniment of fireworks, marked the

new century.

Thousands in Richmond waited to greet
the new year, and to welcome it right
royally. And they did. in various
churches of the city watch-night services enurches of the city water-night services were held, and a special significance was attached to this religious observance and paying last rites to the last year of the passing century, as well as the ushering in of the first of the new.

In various Catholic Churches mass was

celebrated and special musical pro-grammes were rendered, while the feasts of the charch were observed in churches of various denominations.

In many homes social gatherings were

held, and with feasting was the year nineteen hundred and one prected. Seve-ral New Year balls were held, and the

rai New Year balls were held, and the participants danced the old year out.

BROAD STREET.

Broad Street was well filled with merry-makers, and New Year "shootrs." With the first stroke of the midnight hour was bediam let loose. Colored fires lit up the night, while bells rang out and every whistle blew. Thousands of explosions, ranging from the dynamite cracker, or as it is more affectionately known, "the ba-by-waker," and the shotgun, to the toy istol. The only requisite was to make

For many blocks on Broad Street the great theroughfare presented a brilliant appearance. Rockets and colored lights shone, bells rang and thousands of frecrackers added to the din.

Many ladies were or the streets, and, perhaps, the largest and most enthusiastic growd that ever came but on New York.

tic crowd that ever came out on New Year's Eve saw the nineteenth century Shortly after midnight the crowds grew denser, for the churches poured forth the people who had been to watch-meetings and long into the night the streets were alive with those who were giving to thei friends the greeting: "Happy New Year!

Wants Shore Duty. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Admiral Farjuhar, now is command of the North Atantic squar fon, has applied to the Navy service as commander-in

SHOT TO DEATH

King Twentieth Century Tells What Thousands Greeted the New Con- Henry Copeland Disputes With Him Over Purchase of Whiskey.

CHAS. HILL FLED FOR HIS LIFE,

The Killing Seems a Premeditated Cold-Blooded Murder, but the Slaver Declares That He Had a Justiflable Motive.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 31 .- To gratify private foud growing out of a dispute over the payment for whiskey, and which was later accentuated by a midnight assault advent of the new year, the dawn of a F. Story in cold blood, at the latter's place of abode and in the presence of his family Copeland then sought to slay Charles Hill a negro, who he believed was Story'. frichd. Hill heard the shots which brought about Story's undoing, and fied to the forest, where he staid till Copeland had

A MORNING TRAGEDY.

The tragedy happened about 11 o'clock this morning on the farm of Mrs, M. O. Holland, three miles from Buck Horn, Va. After the shooting Copeland escaped from the premises, but later went to Jus-tice Robert C. Daughtrey and indicated that he would surrender. He delivered to the magistrate a shot-gun, which he said was the only weapon he possessed, and went his way without molestation. Cope-land went to the town of Holland and bought a cigar, but did not mention the In the meantime Hurrican killing. Branch, Sheriff Baker, his deputies and several constables had been notified, and the country was searched for Story's slayer. Branch carried bloodhounds. THE FATAL PISTOL.

Late this afternoon Constable William E. Whittield ran up with Copeland at Elwood and placed him under arrest. A revolver was pulled from his boot-leg. Several chambers were empty. It was the one which killed Story. Copeland and Story were once fast friends: Some days ago they quarreled about who should pay fo drinks at Holland. The dispute was not settled to the principals liking. Subse-quently Copeland was assaulted about midnight with a club. He escaped from his assailants by running, but being by nature brave, he chafed when friends twitted him about running and resolved to be revenged. While handling a pistol in a Holland saloon, early this morning. Con land hinted it was to be a messenger o

land hinted it was to be a messenger of death before night.

IN VIEW OF WIFE AND CHILD.

When Copeland went to Mrs. Holland's house, which was also occupied by Storyhis wife and a young child, he was told that Story was not at home. He waited, Finally Story and a friend, T. O. Johnson, who had been fired hunting together, returned. They chaited with the sarriy (Continued on S

VIRGINIA PEOPLE SING OF INDUSTRY AND PROSPERI

Every Town and Village Tells Its Tal Life and Activity.

NEVER MORE PLENTIF

Farmer and Mechanic Enjoy the Fruits Labor and Pay as They Go.

THE STIR OF BUSINESS IN TIDEWATER.

The Mountains Resound With the Axe and the Pick. Great Activity in Coal, Iron and Lumber-Cattle Go Far Towards Redeeming the Losses to Farmers in the Southwest by Reason of the Failure of Crops from the Drouth-Railroad Shipments, Postal Receipts, Bank Clearings and Other Indisputable Evidences Tell of a Great Growth in the Volume of Business.

carkable industrial review of Vir-

The articles are full of interest, and re full of glad tidings to those who desire he advancement of the State.

Great activity is exhibited in mining

Great industrial plants at Norfolk,

ynchburg, Bristol, and the towns in between are being built and bespeak great activity for the first year of the new

LYNCHBURG.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 31.

Big Strides in Jobbing Trade and Manufactures.

and in looking forward to the future, of what a progressive spirit and genance thrift can accomplish. Lynchburg now cannot be compared with what it was five years ago, for even in that short space of time a remarkable advancement has been made. In nearly every branch of industry new enterprises have sprung into existence and have already grown to be established industries. It is true that in one or two instances certain that in one or two instances certains. plants have not fulfilled the confident expectations of their founders, but such cases have only acted as contrasts to the wonderful progress that has been record-ed in all departments of trade and manu-

Perhaps in no other way has Lynch-Perhaps in no other way has Lynch-burg accomplished such great results as in her jobbing interests, and it is now almost a foregone conclusion that the city, during the year 1901, will distribute all over the South and Southwest use less than twenty millions of dollars in goods of various description. The country at large has become aware of the important position which Lanchburg has gained as a shoe market, and its brillion of the country of th

has gained as a shoe market, and its brilliant career in this respect is being surpassed by what is now being done. To the large and prosperous houses that introduced this branch of industry here and developed it to its present immense proportions han be added for the new year two ene cetic and enterprising firms, one of which, recognizing the advantages of Lynchburg as a distributing point, moved here from the city of Bristol. The most inportant and momentous step of all in Lynchburg's market is the big plant that will be created here early in the new year for the manufacture of ladles' and misses' footwear. If this venture should prove a success, it is possible that every wholesale shoe house here will operate a factory in cons pessible that every house here will operate a factory in connection with its business. In addition to
its shees Lynchburg has a large number
of wholesale grocery and notion establishments, each one of which has met
with gratifying success during the past
year. These houses already cover a big year. These houses already cover a big territory, and the scope of their opera-tions is being rapidly extended.

As one of the leading markets in the As one of the leading markets in the country for dark grades of tobacco. Lynchburg easily maintains her prestige, and despite the adverse conditions brought about by the drought of last summer, there will be no material falling off in the receipts of the warehouses for the fiscal year ending October 1st, 1901. There has been a slight decline in the quality of the leaf, but the prices have been for the planter more generally satisfactory than for some time past. The tobacco factories here, including an anti-trust cigarette concern, have more than held their own, and in facing the new year they are encouraged to believe that their business will be more profitable than ever before.

A glance along Lynchburg's river front will give one an idea as to what has been done here in the past few years in the establishment of new enterprises. Large and substantial buildings have been constructed and are now devoted to the manufacture at plows.

terprises. Large and substantial buildings have been constructed and are now devoted to the manufacture af plows, castings of all kinds, textile goods, buggles, wagons, etc. Six thoroughly equipped plants are now devoted to buggles and warran and three textile mills have

Virginia Fertilizer Company h

ity has accomplished, and judging resent conditions, they are looking ward with confident expectation to fulfillment of an expect's prediction by the year 1910 Lynchburg would vance the number of her inhabitan at least 40,000.

CAPE CHARLES

A Big Fish Factory. Planning New Industries.

CAPE CHARLES, VA. Dec. 31. probably one of the test equippe factories in the United States.

The payrolls of the concern amount

about \$5,000 per month, and is oper about \$5.000 per month, and is open-seven menths in the year, giving emp ment to about one hundred men. The fresh fish and oyster industry Cape Charles has been very spod du the year; and, taking everything in sideration, Cape Charles has enjoye fair share of prosperity. The United States Government exper

The United States dovernment experience of the harbor government one on the north side of the harbor communicing one on the south side. There will probably be consider ledging done in the figure here.

FRONT ROYAL.

Royal Tapestry Factory Proves Welcome Industry.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
FRONT ROYAL, VA., Dec. 21.—Fr toyal, near the confluence of the No and South forks of the Shenandoah ris in the beautiful valley of the same na at the only pass in the Blue Ridge na tains, between Harper's Ferry and Clay Laz always been a hustling. Chy. La: always been a hustling, the ving town, Here the Norfolk and ern Rallway, threading the Shena fiver, crosses the Southern just a emerges from the historic Manassa. ome ges from the historic Manassal and here the undulating mountain pasture meet the rica platns of lime-stone for thou, making Warren county both a cutter raising and a farming community. (Continued o

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